

REMARKS

Claim Objections

Claims 1-65 have been canceled without prejudice and substituted by new claims 66-82.

The independent claim of the new set of claims is the process claim 66 (former claim 49 slightly redrafted).

Claims 67 to 82 are former claims 50 to 65.

Claims rejections under 35 USC 102 Novelty

Former claims 49-65 have been rejected in the Office Action under 35USC§102(b) as anticipated by GOSSET (5,129,989). By the present amendment, claims 49-65 have been withdrawn from examination without prejudice and have been replaced by claims 66 to 82. Claims 66-82 are pending.

This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the new submitted set of claims.

The prior art document GOSSET has been shown successfully in the Applicant's arguments filed 4/15/2003 to fail to describe the concept of *simultaneous* introduction of a composition comprising at least one cationic starchy material and at least one sulfonated starchy material.

This concept was to be included in the claims in the form of a concrete feature. This has been done by the drafting of the new claim 66.

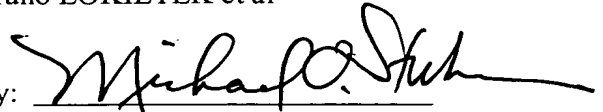
Hence the invention as claimed is new versus the document GOSSET and the invention as claimed is inventive versus the document GOSSET.

As a conclusion, it is hence respectfully submitted that the objection under 35USC§102(b) be withdrawn and that the Application is now in proper form for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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